

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4622
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REHABILITATION OF OUSTEES OF HIRAKUD DAM
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all the villagers displaced due to construction of Hirakud Dam in Orissa have since been rehabilitated;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the status thereof, as on date; and
- (d) the steps taken to expedite the payment of compensation and process of rehabilitation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) & (b) Yes; Sir. The State Government of Orissa has reported that out of 26501 displaced persons (DPs) in Hirakud Dam, 1965 DPs have been resettled in 16 State Government sponsored resettlement camps and the remaining 24536 DPs have been resettled by themselves.

(c) As per the report of the State Government, the Deputy Commissioner had distributed patta to 1074 DPs in 1956-1958. Those pattas are being converted to regular Revenue Patta (Records of Right) and till date 954 cases involving an area of 2,247.33 acre have been regularized. The remaining cases are scheduled for regularization by the end of May, 2006. Payment of compensation to Jhankars/Chowkidars in 101 cases for an amount of Rs.2,43,284/- was pending. An amount of Rs.12, 424 in 9 cases have been paid till date after verification of all records. The remaining 92 cases of Sambalpur District are awaiting settlement.

(d) The State Government of Orissa constituted a High Power Committee in 1992 which recommended for payment of Ex-gratia at the rate of Rs.10,000/- to the remaining DPs. The State Government approved the recommendation and sanctioned Rs.1.00 crore for payment of Ex-gratia. Out of this, Ex-gratia of Rs.83,78,857 has been paid till date. A special cell has been constituted in the Sambalpur Collectorate to carry out the decision of the State Government and the matter is regularly reviewed by the State Government to take necessary steps.